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LOK SABHA

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CROPS INCLUDING UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cluster-bean, moth, coriander, cumin seed, fenugreek, garlic and isabgol are important crops of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, reasons for not including these crops under minimum support price scheme;

(c) whether the Government is considering to announce the minimum support price of these crops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): These crops, in Rajasthan, account for around 18 percent of the total cropped area and only around 7 percent of the total agricultural production of the State.

(b) to (d): Under the Minimum Support Price Scheme those commodities are covered which are mostly items of mass consumption of all India nature with fairly long shelf life and/or necessary for food/nutrition security. The Government implements the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural commodities. In order to protect the growers of horticultural commodities from distress sales in the event of bumper crop, MIS is implemented for a particular commodity on the request of the State Government which is ready to bear 50% loss (25% in case of North-Eastem States), if any, in its implementation.